

**Summary of Breakout Session Presentations**  
**Montana Criminal Justice Information Integration Conference**  
**September 15, 2004**

<b>Breakout Group</b>	<b>Breakout Leader</b>
Dark Blue/Beige	Jennifer Viets

- Communication current occurs as one-on-one communications such as phone calls.
- Some areas have weekly meetings involving several agencies.
- There seems to be information sharing within local jurisdictions (such as local and county levels) but less within regions and on a statewide basis.
  - Each area approaches sharing differently.
- Goal should be to secure officer safety by providing officers with good information on the individuals in front of them.
  - Information should be moved automatically to follow the criminal justice process.
  - Statewide emergency radio communication is critical.
  - Criminal justice court data workflow should be automated.
- Problems identified:
  - State is not helping local and county agencies sufficiently.
  - State is not moving forward with what is needed for better communication.
  - State should disperse revenue and let the locals get the job done.
  - Goals should be established that can be measured so that expenditures and grants can be justified.
  - State should not own computer systems; locals should.

<b>Breakout Group</b>	<b>Breakout Leader</b>
Yellow	Stacye Dorrington

- To deal with the breakdown in communication, an exchange program should be created to see what each jurisdiction and/or agency is doing and to better understand each other's needs and responsibilities.
- An Advisory Committee is needed for the entire state, which should include interests such as justice, health, corrections, and probation. This group would be responsible for:
  - Looking for grant funding.
  - Prioritizing needs.
- A statewide system is needed for data exchange.
  - A jail roster system should be implemented first, then the state could move forward to build a larger system for more integration.
  - Some public access should be allowed for public record checks.
- There is no integration of systems so accurate information is not always reported as required by statute.
- Clarification is needed of what information can be disseminated by the public, given concerns over liability issues.

- Information must be timely.
- Better integration with various agencies is needed, such as Fish & Game.

<b>Breakout Group</b>	<b>Breakout Leader</b>
Red	John Daugherty

- SVOR web site information should be more timely and should be publicized more.
- The Correctional Offender Network web site should be kept up to date.
- Specific projects implemented or in planning recently are:
  - Live Scan installation.
  - O-Trak project by DOC; there is a possibility it will include a booking system that could be available for local and county agencies to use.
  - Pre-trial automation between detention center and judges (Missoula).
  - Exchange of information among courts within a jurisdiction, particularly for minors in possession.
  - Read-only access between different jurisdictions' databases.
- Recommended initiatives:
  - E-Citation, on a statewide basis.
  - Uniform judgement.
  - Imaging of judgements; allow the imaged file to be the certified version.
  - Implement a statewide justice exchange system.
- Recommended Priorities:
  - Get all counties on-line.
  - Law enforcement agencies need accurate, timely information at the squad car level.
  - Governance is needed that represents all entities (MACO, Clerks Association, etc.) and state agencies. The highest-level of authority should be involved and the governance should have the blessing of the Governor. This group should present proposals to the legislature.
  - Standards for various components of data exchange should be established.
  - Business processes should drive IT.
- Wilbur Rehmann should not be allowed to retire.

<b>Breakout Group</b>	<b>Breakout Leader</b>
Orange	Karen Nelson

- Agencies do not know what other agencies are doing or how to exchange information.
- Agencies should have the ability to access each other's information from their own terminals.
- The State should give local agencies access to state information.
- Any time that information is shared, it should be accurate.
- An officer should be able to swipe a driver's license and reuse that information.
- Information should be instantly available.

- Information should be moved from agency to agency as a transfer of data from one system to another.
- The State should support web-based programs that small jurisdictions can access at low cost.
- We should get rid of the turf wars and stop trying to over-protect information.

<b>Breakout Group</b>	<b>Breakout Leader</b>
Light Blue	Steve Tesinsky

- Communication is what is important; currently the state-to-local communication is usually done by e-mail, faxes, or telephone.
- Recent projects include a pilot to enter criminal history information directly into the state's criminal history repository.
- There is a need for everyone to work together to get information to the right people.
- Right now each agency has to do too much research to get the information they need; they can get it but it takes too much work.
- A statewide justice exchange system should be implemented.

<b>Breakout Group</b>	<b>Breakout Leader</b>
Green	Ken Gill

- Examples of recent cooperation and sharing include:
  - Access to records management systems between the City and the County of Missoula.
  - Monthly regional meetings of various criminal justice representatives, including the federal government, to share information.
- Specific projects include:
  - Probation and Parole officers are entering information into CJIN and the 911 tracking system in Missoula.
  - Live scan implementation.
  - VisionNet statewide court video project.
  - CODIS
  - Projects to avoid duplication of data.
- Attempts to share information include:
  - Probation and Parole list of releases is reviewed by local law enforcement.
  - SVOR and DOC web site provide access to pictures.
- Recommended initiatives:
  - State should track offenders between conviction and judgement.
  - Avoid duplication of data by transferring data electronically.
  - Judgements should be issued and signed faster.
- Recommended priorities:
  - Track convicted persons.
  - Implement a statewide jail roster.
  - Make information accurate.
  - Need to positively identify individuals quickly.

- Need to share information with tribal nations.
- Need to train staff on systems.